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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the month of August, 1949.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 4/10/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; State Basic Wage; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1949 was estimated to be 525,857, comprising 269,912 Males and 255,945 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	JULY		Seven Months ended JULY	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No.	301	335	2,891	3,058
* Rate per 1000 of Population	6.68	7.67	9.45	10.25
Births.....No.	1,075	1,083	7,657	7,448
* Rate per 1000 of Population	23.86	24.79	25.03	24.97
Deaths.....No.	453	413	2,717	2,683
* Rate per 1000 of Population	10.05	9.45	8.88	9.00
Infant Mortality.....No.	31	31	212	200
Rate per 1000 Live Births	28.84	28.62	27.69	26.85
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	18	15	80	99
Cancer	70	43	402	367
Influenza	1	2	8	3
Diphtheria	-	-	3	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	60	41	270	240
Arteriosclerosis	59	13	95	82
Diseases of the Heart	139	138	807	784
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	11	24	127	164
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	3	27	14
Nephritis	11	17	72	98
Diseases of Early Infancy	21	15	128	112
Senility	9	12	50	46
Accidents	41	18	178	165
All Other Causes	61	72	470	505
TOTAL	453	413	2,717	2,683

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August totalled 435,899 acres, a decrease of 186,897 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,792,664 acres, a decrease of 1,667,008 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of AUGUST		2 Months ended August	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	£	£	£	£
Revenue per Head of Popln.	1,642,680 £3.1.10d.	1,446,318 £2.16.0d.	3,144,191 £5.18.5d.	2,802,915 £5.8.8d.
Expenditure	1,940,805 £3.13.0d.	1,559,900 £3.0.5d.	3,605,415 £6.15.10d.	3,258,369 £6.6.3d.
Expenditure per Head of Popln.				

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st August amounted to £37,901,704 or £71.4.11d. per head of population as against £36,214,802 or £70.1.1d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

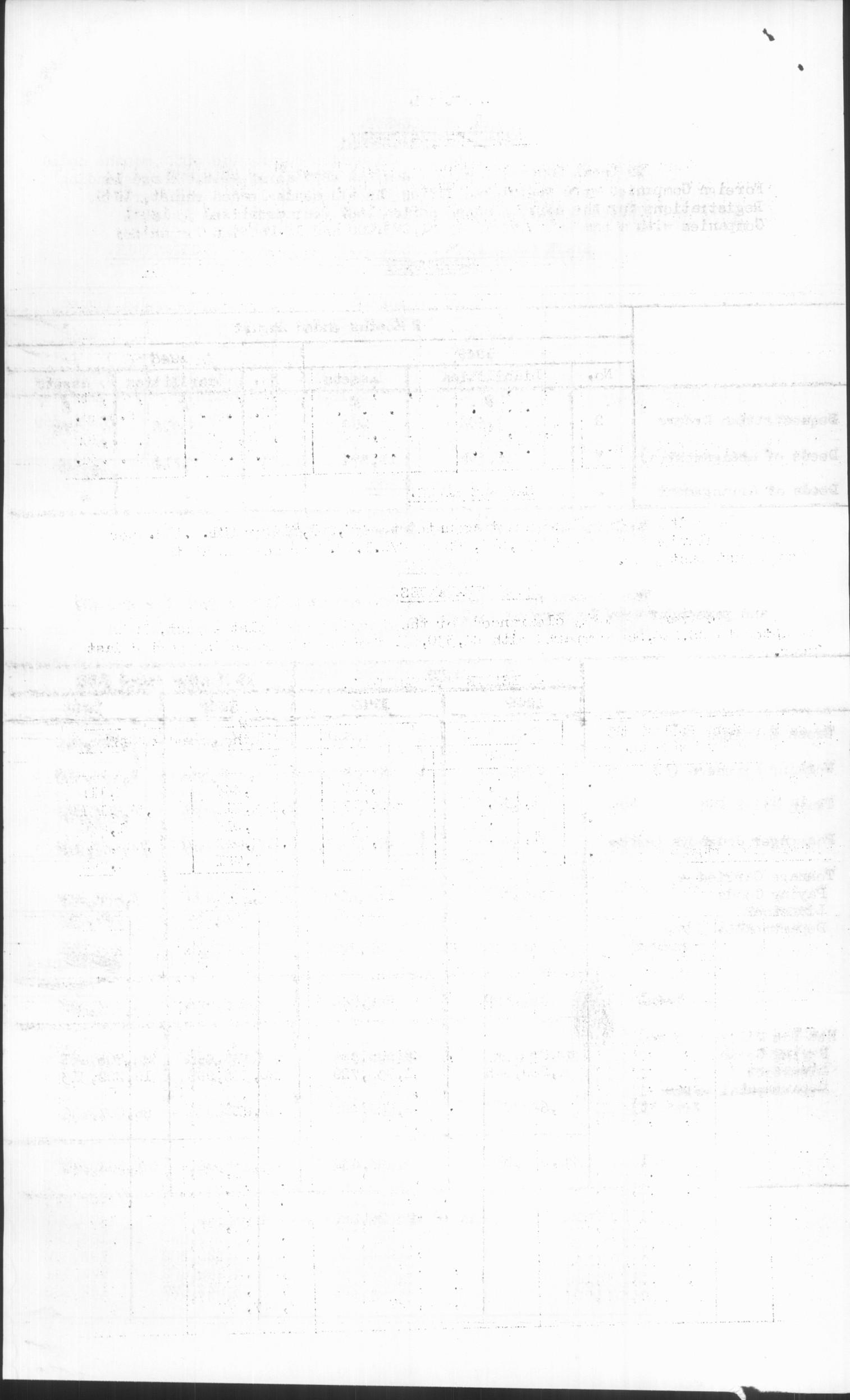
The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 31st August, 1949 amounted to £5,524,586 compared with £4,330,631 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No. £	1,816 1,180,030	1,507 869,717	3,444 2,162,118
Mortgages	No. £	1,101 1,559,665	936 956,036	2,014 2,597,893
Discharges of Mortgages	No. £	931	883	1,751

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
1948 -	£	£	£	£
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
1949 -				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500
February	1,489,294	1,079,247	3,713,023	157,545
March	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815
April	1,530,797	835,888	3,532,224	170,391
May	1,531,002	996,629	4,517,890	184,882
June	1,903,149	1,244,920	4,520,502	195,347
July	1,700,189	1,043,068	4,188,802	177,441
August	1,522,703	1,041,297	3,847,677	182,528



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

22 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £518,000 and 14 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 33 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,093,000 and 15 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	2 Months ended August					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	2	£ 1,442	£ 294	6	£ 3,716	£ 176
Deeds of Assignment(a)	7	16,475	11,574	3	7,814	11,006
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

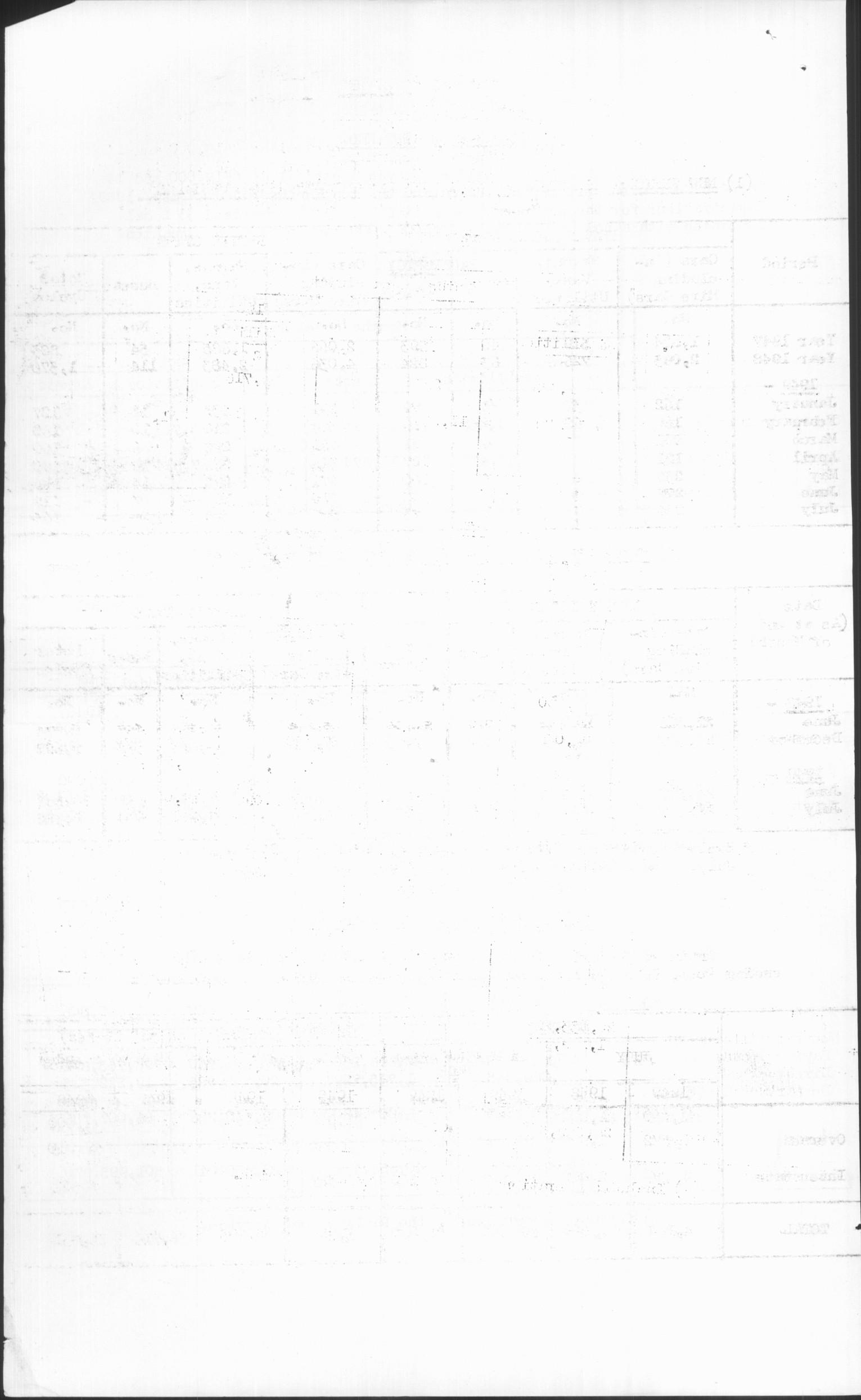
(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earnings (a)	£ 314,900	£ 386,500	£ 5,214,844	£ 4,598,896
Working Expenses (a)	£ 574,049	£ 534,786	£ 6,702,254	£ 5,570,000
Train Miles Run	No. 365,234	No. 573,831	No. 7,036,521	No. 7,266,209
Passenger Journeys (a)	No. 748,254	No. 958,637	No. 12,979,098	No. 14,044,299
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	146,767	218,917	2,573,964	2,700,097
Livestock	7,441	11,426	162,756	157,476
Departmental (Free Freight)	27,514	50,603	592,360	545,233
Total	181,722	280,946	3,329,080	3,402,806
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	20,633,858	30,898,230	373,178,760	396,765,871
Livestock	1,289,445	1,735,729	20,345,995	19,222,313
Departmental (Free Freight)	4,646,263	8,022,480	89,910,286	86,007,786
Total	26,569,566	40,656,439	483,435,041	501,995,970

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1947	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
<u>1949 -</u>								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	24	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	15	10	107	348	265	18	190
May	235	106	7	100	471	282	14	179
June	277	94	5	85	415	191	7	112
July	234	53	11	73	597	328	28	164

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1948 -</u>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,363	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
July	25,008	11,171	362	6,508	38,226	32,932	670	9,358

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for July, 1949 - 129 Cars; 577 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 2 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, July 1949 and 1948 and 12 Months ending June, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	1,572	1,976	22,038	17,155	3,455	5,276	51,941	49,910
Interstate	2,596	2,409	30,591	25,665	399	416	4,775	5,821
TOTAL	4,168	4,385	52,629	42,820	3,854	5,692	56,716	55,731

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1948 - June Qr.	126	82	627	731	11	33	56	67	820	913
1949 - June Qr.	194	161	606	833	13	64	88	199	901	1,257

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	578	£,000 640	186	£,000 140	373	296	227	£,000 172	1,364	£,000 1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,371
1948 - June Qr.	295	386	93	70	353	325	5	4	746	785
1949 - June Qr.	367	554	57	48	361	373	13	14	798	989

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,482,986 lbs. were produced during July, 1949 and 15,581,226 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1949, as against 1,497,847 lbs. and 15,815,951 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	54,326	55,306	432,970	445,215
Value (Aust. Currency) £	584,687	595,235	4,659,833	4,791,630

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1949, amounted to £331,141. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £382,753.

Date		Description		Debit		Credit	
Day	Month	Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount	Particulars	Amount
1	Jan	Opening Balance	1000				
2	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	500				
3	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	300				
4	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	400				
5	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	200				
6	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	300				
7	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	100				
8	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	200				
9	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	150				
10	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	300				
11	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	200				
12	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	400				
13	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	300				
14	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	500				
15	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	400				
16	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	600				
17	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	500				
18	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	700				
19	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	600				
20	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	800				
21	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	700				
22	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	900				
23	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	800				
24	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	1000				
25	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	900				
26	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	1100				
27	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	1000				
28	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	1200				
29	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	1100				
30	Jan	Deposited by Mr. A	1300				
31	Jan	Withdrew by Mr. A	1200				
		Balance	1400				

(Amount in Rupees)

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1464	1262	1413	1221	1406	1238	1336	1204
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1593	1398	1553	1362	1498	1342	1434	1310
Northam	1483	1287	1434	1242	1419	1248	1344	1213
Bunbury	1467	1271	1422	1228	1421	1249	1350	1216
Geraldton	1494	1296	1449	1251	1472	1300	1403	1265
Collie	1486	1281	1436	1237	1353	1191	1287	1158

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1948			1949		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	106,732	36,366	143,098	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	106,519	36,527	143,046	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	107,574	36,832	144,406	112,063	37,770	149,833
April	108,141	36,908	145,049	112,671	37,887	150,558
May	109,227	36,880	146,107	112,777	37,782	150,559
June	109,205	36,942	146,147	113,010	37,928	150,938
July	109,375	37,154	146,529	111,190	37,991	149,181
August	108,611	37,073	145,684			
September	109,416	37,224	146,640			
October	110,240	37,592	147,832			
November	111,010	37,704	148,714			
December	111,491	38,015	149,506			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176	179	876	1051	1144	1264	1377
May	144	154	168	177	179	891	1069	1151	1277	1354
June	145	154	167	177	178	903	1087	1153	1277	1362
July	146	157	167	177(a)	173	899	1096	1168	1301	1381
August	145	159	167	176		897	1109	1181	1294	
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1318	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1948 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician),

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1948 -</u>									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	320
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	3	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
<u>1949 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	63	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100
April (a)	59	5	64	67	2	69	91	4	95
May (a)	34	3	37	39	3	42	86	4	90
June (a)	61	7	68	47	4	51	100	7	107

(a) Subject to Revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State				
	Male		Female		Male		Female		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
21st July, 1949	6.	13.	2.	3.	11.	11.	6.	12.	11.
	3.	11.	9.	3.	11.	9.	7.	0.	5.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	21,180	19,882	30,434	40,298
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	17,273	17,292	25,615	34,147

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
August, 1949	13,451	584	41,010	8,932
August, 1948	13,562	575	50,699	10,425
8 Months ended August, 1949	77,425	3,304	429,410	70,943
8 Months ended August, 1948	76,922	2,694	395,229	75,179

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